

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION est. 1939

November 2001 NEWSLETTER

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Shivery Greetings!

And we now have colder weather--but what a long and comfortable summer-into-fall. Enjoy the colors while we have them! And warm up with us on Monday night, November 26th, 7:30 pm, for RVAA's final demo of the year 2001. We're at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library, meeting room A-B-C and you'll surely enjoy the demo by our own Sylvia Glesmann. Most of you know Sylvia's spirited and whimsical watercolors, and her lovely nature paintings. Sylvia has exhibited around the USA and is a member of AAPL and NAWA (Nat'l Assoc. of Women Artists) among other groups. A nice big crowd of us had a good time watching Joan McKinney in October and we know you'll want to come November 26th.

No dues! No News! If you haven't already, please mail your membership dues to Membership Chairman Doug Axmann, 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, 08876 Individual: \$22, Family: \$28, Student (through high school) \$10. Thank you!

Hello! Our President, Linda Arnold, is still toting both the mylar screen and the coffee pot around. We need a Hospitality Chair to tote the coffeepot. Ruth Wilson and Rae Hoffman will be providing goodies for the November meeting and Linda will be carrying the pot again. Please volunteer--your editor urges you to call Linda at 647-3610.

Remember the RVAA Reception at the 1860 House, Montgomery Arts Council, on Montgomery Road, just off Rt. 206 (before you get to Rocky Hill, just over the county line into Mercer), you'll have to look for the small 1860 billboard before you turn left onto Montgomery Road. This will be Sunday November 11 from 1-4:00 in the large downstairs galleries (there is also a watercolor & graphics show upstairs in Nov). Our show will be up until Dec. 28 (and in Dec. the upstairs galleries will spotlight small works, cards, etc) and the 1860 House is open Tues-Fri 10-3 and Sunday 12-4. (In Dec. because of the upstairs Holiday Sale there will be Tues. thru Sunday hours 12-5. Linda McCausland has been working long and hard on this (THANK YOU, LINDA!). RVAAers included, with a couple of works each are Linda Arnold, Doug Axmann, Kathy Blair, Gay Billich, Joe Emory, Ellen Faber, Sue Furey, Bill Gilbert,

Rita Gorky, Elsa Herrmann, Judy Hummer, Linda McCausland, Diana Patton, Nona Rutter, Maureen Slater, Carol Staub, Debbie Tintle, Ruth Wilson, Audrey Wreszin, and Rosemary Zangara. (you can also call 1860 House for further directions at 609/921-3272).

After November comes December...and you know that Holiday Dinner Chairwoman Nona Rutter has been working on our annual get-together Monday, December 3rd at McCarthy's Restaurant, Main St., Bridgewater (Rt.22 East, rt onto FINDERNE Ave, Rt.at 3rd light onto Main St. and almost immediately left into McCarthy's parking lot) Cocktail hour (cash) and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 and dinner about 7:15. Lots of choices, including London broil, seafood linguini, baked salmon, chicken Francais, and vegetarian platter. You can make your choice there. A fantastic (really fantastic) salad bar before, dessert after. Tax & gratuities included. All for only \$26. made out to RVAA and mailed to Nona Rutter by Nov. 29th. Mail to 110 Washington Corner Road, Bernardsville, 07924. After dinner we'll have some brief entertainment (do YOU have a short Christmas reading or anecdote to share? Please call Nona at 908/766-4962). And then Nona will preside over the infamous ELEPHANT GRAB BAG, or box. Yes, please bring a holiday-wrapped White Elephant to the dinner. We'll have ourselves a jolly gift exchange! Please fill out the form at the end of this Newsletter, and thank you, Nona!

Looking far ahead, Mary Creasy has obtained the Children's Specialized Hospital for RVAA to exhibit at, for November 2002, which is a good thing!

Have to tell you, this editor saw Carl Burger's Retrospective at the Morris Museum of Arts & Sciences and it is spectacular. A joy to look at, with so many strong and colorful and elegant and even mysterious works--and in several media; you'll love it! Through Jan. 12th. Also a delight is the Albert Green-Master Potter exhibit there, like paintings on ceramic.

Finally--we are having our Holiday Show and Sale at the Somerset County/ Bridgewater Library in December. Please send in the form at the end of this Newsletter. Your editor is in charge of this show again. Unfortunately the library has not yet obtained secure lobby racks but hopes to by December. RVAA definitely has the curved wall (inside the library) and the showcases in the lobby, meaning that smaller works would seem to be called for. Also, because we cannot hang as many works as usual, they should all be originals. I'm trying to get permission for us to use our own racks inside the library proper, as we used to; this looks good. Those in the show before, remember rack owners share space with non-rack owners and that we all show sit 6-8 hours sometime during the month of December. Also, 10% of

sales goes to the library. After I receive your forms and updated info from the library, I'll be in touch with you all, but hopefully we'll get to hang Thurs. night Nov. 30th. The entry fee is only \$5. but we do need show sitters to be there for impulsive buyers.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

GAY BILLICH was juried into the GSWS Associates Show at Stark & Stark and the NJWCS Associates Show at Morris County College where she was presented with an Award of Excellence. Gay also won Honorable Mention for Still-life in the Tewksbury Historical Society Show.

SHERRY ENGELBERG has her pastels on the curved wall of the Somerset County/ Bridgewater Library during November.

ELSA HERRMANN was featured in the summer issue of NEW JERSEY COUNTRYSIDE magazine and had work in "Summertime Hues" at GaleryONEMain in High Bridge, the Garden State Watercolor Society's 32nd Annual Juried show, and the Guild of Creative Art in Shrewsbury. Elsa also won the Joan Day Memorial Award at the Tewksbury Historical Society Show, the Ann Waldron Award at the AAPL Ocean City Show in August, and received a Merit Award in the International Miniature Show at the Papermill Playhouse.

RAE HOFFMAN was awarded the Best of Tewksbury Award for "The Lincoln House" at the Tewksbury Historical Society Show, and is in a three-woman show (with Trinka Noble and Dorothy Clair) at the Bernardsville Library through November with the opening reception November 4th.

LINDA McCAUSLAND had three paintings juried into the Tewksbury Society Historical Show and has a one-woman show at the Mendham Borough Library (Hilltop Road) during the month of November. The Artist Reception is November 4th from 2-4.

CAROL STAUB was juried into the NJWC Society Associates Show at Morris County College.

Among the RVAA members juried into the Tewksbury Show were Fran Maurer, Linda McCausland, Rae Hoffman, Helen Maier, Carol Staub, Gay Billich, Diana Patton, Lib Ryman(H.M. Animals, Mary Ann Creasy, Colette Lemay, Angela Fehrenback, Joan McKinney(1st, buildings), Nona Rutter, Joan Raushi (H.M.prostill-life), Debbie Tintle, Audrey Wreszin, Elsa Herrmann, Rita Gorky(2nd, nonpro landscape), Maureen Slater, Mary Vaccaro, Bill Gilbert,

Kate Withington, Kathy Blair (H.M. nonpro buildings) Marge Braun, Barbara Briden, and Jo Coudert.

Students of DIANA WILKOC PATTON exhibiting in the Somerset County/ Bridgewater Library lobby showcases during the month of November include Gay Billich, Barbara Briden, Bill Gilbert, Fran Marell, Carol Staub, and Rosemary Zangara.

Please mail dinner form to Nona Rutter, 110 Washington Corner Rd, Bernardsville, NJ, 07924

I, _____ am coming to the

festive celebratory dinner Dec. 3rd and enclose my check made out to

RVAA for \$26. per person. Guests' names, if any _____

_____ Please return form ASAP.

Your phone number _____

I, _____ wish to be in the

RVAA Holiday Sale. If necessary, I have _____ racks to loan, otherwise

small original works (18x24 for the curved wall, 8 x10 or 11 x 14 for the

showcases) are in order. I will receive info on this as soon as you get

it...! Please call me at _____ If we're

if we can have racks I'll be told larger works are fine. Mail to Diana Patton, 495 Stony Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807
